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LTC Updates:

- COVID-19 Death Reporting
- CMP Project – Accelerated Antimicrobial Stewardship for Skilled Nursing Facilities

COVID-19 Death Reporting

All COVID-19 related deaths are reportable to the Indiana Department of Health within 24 hours of the facilities knowledge of the death. Any death where COVID-19 was the direct cause, or where COVID-19 contributed to the decline of the patient, should be reported to IDOH as a COVID-related death. There is no specific timeframe to consider from a patient's diagnosis to the patient's death. Patients who are out of their 10-day isolation window may still be considered a COVID-related death.

If reporting staff are unsure if the death is COVID-related, staff should speak with their medical director or the physician completing the death certificate to ensure accurate reporting.

Deaths should be reported to the IDOH COVID-19 Death Reporting line at 765-860-6053. As a reminder, all COVID-19 cases are to be reported via the LTC COVID-19 Reporting Form in REDCap (located [here](#)) within 24 hours of the positive result. If a facility has not reported the case to REDCap at the time of death, submit both the case in the LTC COVID-19 Reporting Form in REDCap and call the death reporting line at 765-860-6053. **Facilities should report even if COVID death happened after the resident has been transferred to a hospital or another facility.**

CMP Project – Accelerated Antimicrobial Stewardship for Skilled Nursing Facilities

The Indiana Department of Health in collaboration with Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions (ARS) is recruiting skilled nursing facilities to implement an accelerated, comprehensive antimicrobial stewardship program. This program is funded through Civil Money Penalty (CMP).

ARS staff will work side by side with facility staff providing lectures, weekly patient-level review for optimization and use of alternative antibiotics, follow-up with physicians and data analysis.

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Additional information – [Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions CMP Project](#)